GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Diversion of Forest Land
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has acquired forest land from the States/Union Territories (UTs) for building dam and mining and other non-forest activities;
(b) if so, the details of the forest land acquired during the last three years, State/ UT-wise;
(c) the amount of compensation worked out and provided by the Government to the State Governments in lieu of the acquired forest land, State/UT-wise;
(d) the amount deposited with the ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), till date;
(e) whether the State Governments have urged the Union Government to grant funds from the CAMPA fund; and
(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b): Government do not acquire forest land for building dam, mining and other non-forest activities. Whenever forest lands are needed for non-forestry activities, clearance for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose is granted under Section 2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of the user agency. The details of forest land diverted for non-forestry purpose in the last three years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 upto 30.04.2016) is attached as Annexure-I.

(c) to (f): The Net Present value (NPV) and other levies for Compensatory Afforestation, Penal Compensatory Afforestation, Catchment Area Treatment etc. are collected from user agencies and deposited in State-wise accounts managed by the Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA). The details of the fund collected and deposited in CAMPA from different states (including interest thereon accrued upto 31st March 2015)and released to states is given in Annexure-II.
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